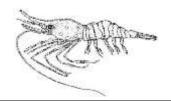
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FISHERY UPDATE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGISTRATION AREA E COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY

The Prince William Sound (PWS) Area E commercial shrimp pot fishery opened at 8:00 a.m. April 15 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 66,300 lb. The first period closed at 8:00 p.m. April 18 and currently the reported harvest is approximately 8,761 lb of shrimp harvested by 21 vessels in 21 landings.

The second period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery will open as previously announced at 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 22 and will close at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 25.

Statistical area 476036 will be closed during this fishing period.

Gear limits remain at a maximum of 30 pots per vessel and hours of gear operation remain at 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fishermen are reminded that in addition to logbook and landing requirements, all participants must call ADF&G at (907) 424-7215 on Wednesday before noon and report any harvest that occurred on Monday and Tuesday, using the shrimp harvest report form.

Other regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2012-2015 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** book. These are available at department offices in Cordova, Homer and Anchorage, or online at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/MiscShellfish-2012-2015.pdf. Prospective fishery participants should thoroughly review the regulatory requirements for this fishery.